

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP

November 22, 2009

Eight-thirty & Eleven

THANKSGIVING & DEDICATION SUNDAY

PRELUDE *Prelude in E minor* J.S. Bach
WATT MEMORIAL CHIMES

*CALL TO WORSHIP *Responsive*
Come to the Lord, for he is rich in grace.
*WE WILL PRAISE GOD WITH ALL OF OUR
HEART, MIND, AND STENGTH!*
Come to the Living God, who is full of mercy.
*WE WILL GLORIFY HIS NAME FOREVER, FOR
HE IS WORTHY OF PRAISE AND HONOR!*
Come to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
WE PRAISE YOU, LORD, WE PRAISE YOU!

*HYMN *For the Beauty of the Earth* #473

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Unison*
Almighty God, you offer us hope in your Son, Jesus Christ. We join in declaring that he is the Messiah, who ascended to your right hand, and who sent the Holy Spirit to be our comforter. Yet we confess that we doubt you in times of trouble. We want you to make all the sorrow and pain of this world disappear. We're afraid of suffering ourselves, and we forget that you're in control. Forgive us for trying to make the world work our way, and enable us to live sacrificially for you. Teach us to serve you even when the way is hard and the outcome unclear. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI *All Singing*
Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, A-men!

*APOSTLES' CREED *Unison*
"I believe in God the Father Almighty . . ." PAGE 14

SCRIPTURE Psalm 103:1-5 Philippians 4:4-13

MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER *Unison Response*
What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear. What a privilege to carry, Everything to God in prayer!

CHILDREN'S TIME

Jeanne Thompson

Grade 2 & Under May Then Exit

LIFE OF THE CHURCH & OFFERING

Offertory: *Simple Gifts* Moglebust ADULT HANDBELLS

*Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

ANTHEM *King of Glory, King of Peace* Scott
Wes Brax, soloist 8:30
Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing Young
Chancel Choir 11:00

SERMON *A SIMPLE THANK YOU* Dr. Murray
"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." PSALM 103:2

*HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God* #555
ELECTION OF ELDERS & DEACONS 11:00

STEWARDSHIP 2010 Carol Hinson
God's Gifts For Us,
Our Gifts For God

*HYMN *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* #422
*After the 1st Verse You May Come and Place Your
Pledge Card on the Communion Table*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison*
Heavenly Father, from whom comes every good and perfect gift: we praise you for your mercies, for your goodness that created us, your grace that sustains us, your discipline that corrects us, your patience that bears with us, and your love that redeems us. Grant us to be thankful for all your gifts by serving you and doing your will. Accept now, O Lord, our pledges, and the commitments we make to serve you. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Singing of 2nd & 3rd Verses

*BENEDICTION *"Alleluia! Amen!"*
Choral Response: *Amen* Danish

POSTLUDE *Fugue in E minor* J.S. Bach

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FPC

Today is PLEDGE DEDICATION SUNDAY. Pledge cards are available in each pew if you need one. You may also mail pledges, but please do so in a timely manner. Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

If you're visiting with us for the first time, we're so glad you've joined us at First Presbyterian! We have a WELCOME GIFT for you, and look forward to greeting you at the back of the Sanctuary after worship.

WORSHIP LITURGISTS: Sloan Howard – 8:30 Becky Crane – 11:00

THANKSGIVING

We ought to give thanks for all fortune: if it is “good,” because it is good, if “bad” because it works in us patience, humility and the contempt of this world and the hope of our eternal country. – C.S. LEWIS –

There is a CONGREGATIONAL MEETING at the end of 11:00 worship for the purpose of electing the new classes of Elders and Deacons. ELDER NOMINEES: Richard Vann, Barbara Lee, George Lilly, Bryant Harvard Jan Van Heiningen, Brian Stockstill (1 year). DEACON NOMINEES: Tom Everett, Michelle Collins, Heather Stroh, Mindy Katz, Debbie Kieffer.

SUNDAY @ SIX AT FPC

Sunday @ Six is a worship time of joyful singing, prayer, sermon, and communion in a casual setting at 6:00 in Fellowship Hall.

This evening we share in a special time of giving thanks to the Lord for His great goodness. The sermon by Pastor Murray:

ALL THE REASON YOU NEED

– Nursery Care Provided for Children Age 2 & Under –

TODAY AT FPC 8:30 & 11:00 – Worship of God

9:15 – Breakfast 9:45 – Sunday School Sunday @ Six

8:30 USHERS: Joel Barrett D Adams AT 11:00: Tom Everett Brian Bauer Russell Miller Mike Gee Craig Wolff-*Captain* Russell Turner-*Greeter*

JAIL BIBLE STUDY: Robert Jinright SANCTUARY PREP: Wyatt Nocera

CHURCH BREAKFAST DEACONS: Aaron Stolarik Jason Harvard

VISITOR PADS: Susan Turner RADIO TECH: Rudy Hehn

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Michael & Toni May

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS *December 10th & 11th*

We'll have a booth at the Victorian Christmas again this year for the purpose of acquainting our community with First Presbyterian. We'll pass out a brochure about the church, and have homemade cookies and hot drinks on sale with the proceeds going to our local outreach.

You can help by baking cookies or assisting at the booth. You may sign-up in the Fellowship Hall at Sunday breakfast, Church Family Night, Sunday @ Six, or by contacting Diane Murray (551.0564).

NEW MEMBER INQUIRY CLASS

Want to find out more about the ministry of First Presbyterian? You are cordially invited to the New Member Inquiry Class starting on Wednesday evening, December 2nd, at 6:30. The class continues on Sunday afternoon, December 6th, at 4:30, and ends Wednesday, December 9th, at 6:30. It meets each time in the lounge area of the Adult Education Building. The Welcome Reception into the church will then be during the worship services on Sunday, December 13th.



CHRISTMAS BEARS & SALVATION ARMY BELL

There are still a few of the bears to be dressed. You may get one at the tables in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to all who took a stocking to fill. Please return stockings and bears by Sunday, December 6th.

Our church times to ring the Salvation Army Bell are between 10:00 in the morning & 6:00 in the evening, Thursday through Saturday, December 3rd-5th. You can sign-up in the Fellowship Hall.

CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, there is no Church Family Night Supper this coming week. It will resume on Wednesday, December 2nd. The program for that evening will be:

DO YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE A CHILD OF GOD?

HAZEL MOON SHARES HER STORY OF GOD'S GRACE AND HOW SHE HOPES TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS IN SOUTH GEORGIA.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUN: 6:00 pm Sunday @ Six at FPC

TUES: 6:00 pm Disciple Bible Study

FOR THE LEAST AMONG US

During these economic times, you can share with the least among us by giving to the THOMAS COUNTY FOOD BANK. Along with food items, "gently" worn coats, sweaters, and sweatshirts for men, women, and children, along with blankets, are in great need. There is a box in the Fellowship Hall where you may place all donated items. Thank you!

NEWS FROM CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

It is right to give thanks to the Lord! We're grateful for the gift to worship by Children's Choir and Ms. Emmy last Sunday . . . Preschool and Elementary Children: November 29th is the First Sunday of Advent. Be sure to attend Sunday School to receive an Advent gift from your teachers! . . . Troupe de Acts Theatre needs old Christmas cards. If you have some, put them in the containers in Fellowship Hall or on the table outside Susan's office before Thanksgiving. Thank you!

OUR CHURCH BUDGET

As our country faces challenging economic times, church finances are not immune to that challenge. So we need your sacrificial help to end the year strong. You are encouraged to fulfill your pledges and give "a little extra" as your situation allows. We are in almost the identical position as last year at this time in that we need approximately \$160,000 the final two months to break even. This is less than the amount of pledges still outstanding. Typically, November and December are good months, so we are hopeful, by God's grace, of reaching this year-end goal for 2009.

Our prayers are with Pastor Scoonover and the Youth Advisers as they attend a YOUTH MINISTRY CONFERENCE this weekend in Atlanta.

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